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The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Thirteen members present.

A paper entitled "Descriptions of new Species of American Land and Fresh-water Shells," by Jas. Lewis, M.D., was presented for publication.

On Orthosia ferrugineoides.—The Secretary read the following communication from A. R. GROTE:—

Mr. Morrison gives the synonymy of *Orthosia ferrugineoides* on page 66 of the Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, I think quite incorrectly. Whether *bicolorago*, Guen., is this same species or not seems doubtful. On the other hand, *spurcata*, Walk., is founded on blackish specimens. In the British Museum, the ordinary *ferrugineoides* was determined as *bicolorago*; hence in earlier papers I have spoken of the species under this name. If they are the same, then *bicolorago* has priority for the species. A name proposed for a variety cannot obtain against a name proposed for a species. The most important reference, that of the species to its proper genus, is incorrectly omitted by Mr. Morrison. *Orthosia ralla* is, also, incorrectly made synonymous. *O. ralla* is a smaller species with pellucid yellowish, unclouded hind wings. The t. p. line is shaded and dentate in *ralla*, dotted in *ferrugineoides*. The subterminal line is represented by distinct interspaceal spots in *ralla*; in its ally it is linear, faint, shaded, of the usual undulate shape. The fine wings are more angulate in *ralla*, and the under surface paler and less noticeably marked. The synonymy of *ferrugineoides*, until we have more certainty as to what *bicolorago* is, will stand as follows:—

***Orthosia ferrugineoides*.**

Xanthia ferruginea var. *ferrugineoides*, Guen., Noct. i. 398.

Xanthia bicolorago, Walk., C. B. M. Noct. 464.

Orthosia ferrugineoides, Grote, Bull. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci. 2, 124.

var. *spurcata*, Walk., C. B. M. Noct. 749.

? *Xanthia bicolorago*, Guen., Noct. i. 397.

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